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UPDATED: More Graffiti Vandals Caught

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Booking photo of Jesus Soto, provided by the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department.

SANTA BARBARA, CA – April 26, 2012

The following are two more recent incidents of graffiti vandals being caught. On April 24, 2012 at 1:30 p.m., Officer Steve Robles was on patrol on 700 N. Quarantina Street when he saw a subject, later identified as Jesus Soto, 19-years old, run southbound on the west sidewalk and throw an object over a residential fence. Officer Robles stopped Soto and asked him why he was running. Soto replied that he was going to a friend's house. Other officers responded to assist and located the object Soto had discarded, a can of gold spray paint that matched the paint on the tips of his fingers. The officers also found several locations on the block with freshly painted gold colored graffiti. Soto was arrested and booked at Santa Barbara County Jail for misdemeanor vandalism and violation of probation.

On April 25, 2012 at 7:31 p.m., Santa Barbara Police responded to a call of a vandalism that had just occurred in the vicinity of 900 Castillo Street. The reporting party had observed Jonathan Sebastian Andrade, 18-years old, spray paint graffiti on a wall and on the east sidewalk at that location. The reporting party called the police and followed Andrade and his companion until officers arrived and detained them. The officers recovered a can of green spray paint and saw that Andrade had matching paint on his fingertips. The reporting party affected a citizen's arrest of Andrade who was issued a citation for misdemeanor vandalism.

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